

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by replacing two paragraphs at page 26, line 14, through page 27, line 4, with the following:

FIG. 7 shows ~~an-a cross-sectional,~~ end view of the present invention device shown in FIGS. 1 through 3 but being attached to a joist and a first deck board and a second deck board where both deck boards are supported by that joist; and

FIG. 8 shows ~~an-a cross-sectional,~~ end view of a preferred present invention decking system board.